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CRAFT FREE OF ICE PACK.

Good News Was Received
Here Last Evening.

MOST WENT TO NORTH ARM.

Tug Potomac Did Good Work
Breaking Ice Floe.

Telegrams received here last evening from Bay of Islands, N. F., state that the ice in the Middle Arm has been broken up and that the big fleet of herring catchers which have been caught there since last Thursday have been freed. In this fleet were 16 American vessels, the most of whom made for the North Arm as soon as they were released. The United States government tug Potomac, which arrived back with the fleet from North Sydney, C. B., on Friday, immediately went to work breaking up the ice and releasing the vessels. The task was a hard one, but the craft was kept at it steadily and did great work, finally accomplishing that object.

The news that the fleet is freed after two of the hardest freezes that Bay of Islands have ever known early in the season will be received here with much satisfaction, for while all the time there was the hope that the crafts would eventually be freed, still there was the grave uncertainty of the situation, and where the freeze came so suddenly and so strong, all realized that they might not get clear. Had this happened the loss would have been great, and would have been the worst blow the fleet ever suffered in the history of the Newfoundland herring fishery.

Most of the fleet are now in the North Arm, where there is less liability of being caught in the ice. All the frozen herring fleet have their scaffolds up and as early as last Wednesday some of the vessels began to take frozen herring. Yesterday the weather at Bay of Islands was mild.

A despatch to one of the largest concerns here from its representative at Bay of Islands, N. F., received this morning, gives the latest authentic news from the fleet there. It says, "Potomac released schooners in Goose and Penguin Arms Monday. No ice now in Middle or North Arms."

From this it will be seen that the Potomac has been an important factor in the herring fishery at Bay of Islands this season, as this is the second time inside of two weeks that she has been called upon to get the fleet out of the ice and has been successful in a task that has been anything but easy.

Without her assistance, the situation of the vessels would have been serious and the fishery would not only have been at a standstill, but the prospect of many fine vessels remaining in the ice for a long, indefinite time would have been good. She and those on board of her have proved their worth and their work in releasing the fleets and their nets, beside their other labors in the interest of the American herring interest is greatly appreciated here.

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HAD HARD WEATHER.

Sch. Senator at North Sydney
with Sails Torn.

Out Five Weeks and Did Not Get
Chance To Fish.

Sch. Senator, Capt. Forman Spinney, of this port, arrived at North Sydney, C. B., last Thursday with her sails in bad shape. Five weeks ago the vessel left here on a halibut trip, and during all that time was engaged in fighting the severe storms which caused havoc among the fishing fleet and craft of a heavier nature.

So helpless was the schooner at times, when she was tossed and buffeted about for days at a time, that on many occasions Capt. Spinney and crew believed every minute was their last.

But by persistent efforts, however, the staunch craft was successfully carried through the storm, and outside of considerable damage to her sails the Senator is all right.

The trip, of course, is certainly a losing one to the owner and crew, not even a single set of trawls being possible on account of the succession of heavy gales and hurricanes encountered by the schooner.

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Important Notice to Mariners.

The Canadian department of marine and fisheries has given the following notices:

A bell buoy has been established by the government of Canada two cables south 22 1-2 degrees east from Bantam rock, off entrance to Sable river, south coast of Nova Scotia. Latitude north 43.43.10. longitude west 64.58.45. The buoy is painted black, with "Bantam" in white letters on the deck, and is surmounted by a bell rung by the motion of the buoy on the waves. It is moored in ten fathoms of water.

A rock with 18 feet over it has been located near in mid-channel in the entrance to Tusket river, Yarmouth county, Nova Scotia, north 62 west from Tusket river lighthouse on Big Fish island. Latitude north 43.42.9. The rock, which will be known as Pioneer Rock, is a small isolated stump rising 25 feet out of the water. The channel west of the rock is slightly wider than that on its east side. The rock is uncharted. This danger has been marked by an iron buoy, painted red moored close to the rock.

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BIG TRIPS AT BOSTON.

Five Vessels from Off Liscomb at
T Wharf.

Five of the big haddocks of the off shore fleet, which have been down off Liscomb, N. S., to meet the big haddock school which usually strikes in there at about this time of the season, are at T wharf, Boston, this morning, each with a big fare, having evidently found what they went after, for they have from 60,000 to 80,000 pounds apiece, mostly haddock. The lucky vessels are echs. Lucania, Capt. Martin L. Welch, Onato, Capt. Henry Larkin, Cynthia, Capt. Geoffrey Thomas, Slade Gorton, Capt. George Heckman and Conqueror, Capt. Robertson Giffin.

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REGULAR LOTTERY.

Such Is Present Situation
at Bay of Islands.

NUMBER OF NETS WERE LOST.

Everything Now Depends on the
Ice and the Weather.

A letter received in this city yesterday from Bay of Islands, N. F., dated last Friday, states that "on the first freeze, week before last the Goose and Penguin Arms were both frozen over at the same time and the Potomac was three days clearing the vessels and their nets and at that quite a number of nets were lost. On Wednesday the same two arms, also the Humber, froze over again, this time quite thick. As the Potomac was at North Sydney, C. B., recoaling, there was considerable anxiety among the skippers about getting out of the ice."

The Potomac was expected back the day the letter was sent, and her arrival was anxiously awaited by the whole fleet. The nets were also frozen in and unless the wind hauled, or the Potomac came soon, it was feared many of them would be lost.

The letter further says:

"Taken as a whole, the outlook is not too favorable, although a few days may entirely change the situation. One never can tell what kind of weather is likely to strike in this place. The Brilliant sailed from St. John's on the 10th, that being the day that ice first appeared in the Humber."

"When the Potomac went to North Sydney, C. B., to coal, Mr. Alexander, who is looking out for things for our government down here, did not go with her, but went on board the Independence II, so that he would be with us and see how everything was going. When the Independence II sailed for home he made his headquarters at Birchy Cove and among some of the other vessels."

"Some days the herring are plentiful and then they will suddenly disappear. If the present crop of ice can be broken up it is probable that good trips will be made. Much now depends on the ice and the weather. Things now look like a lottery."

"Since the above was written, the Potomac arrived and the vessels were freed from ice, as is told in another column."

Schs. Harry A. Nickerson, Lucinda I. Lowell and Lena and Maud of this port and the British sch. Flo F. Mader are reported as sailing from Bay of Islands yesterday, with full fares of salt herring.

Both frozen and salt herring are in good demand at present and there is now none of last year's frozen Newfoundland stock on hand.

Sch. Arabia, Capt. John Matheson, arrived here yesterday afternoon, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a big cargo of salt herring. The Arabia was reported on the way some time ago, but as a matter of fact she did not leave for home until last Thursday afternoon, so Capt. Matheson made one of the very fastest passages of the season, being only five days on the way. The craft made no ports on the way home and had head winds about half the time, with fair winds the rest of the time. Capt. Matheson says the passage was not a hard one and that the craft came along in fine shape.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Arabia, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1600
bbls. salt herring.

Today's Fish Market.

These prices are based on the last known sales.

Eastern "hallbut" codfish, \$4.37 1-2 per
cwt. for large and \$3.25 for small.
Fresh herring \$1.50 per bbl.
Salt dory handline bank cod, \$4.75 per
cwt. for large and \$3.75 for medium.
Bank halibut, 14 cts. per lb. for white and
12 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Ida M. Silva, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod,
3000 hake.
Sch. Georgianna, 200 haddock, 1000 cod, 200
hake.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 1500 haddock, 15,000
cod, 1000 pollock.
Sch. Sheffeyld, 4000 pollock.
Sch. Lucania, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod,
5000 hake.
Sch. Cynthia, 45,000 haddock, 12,000 cod,
15,000 hake.
Sch. Onato, 48,000 haddock, 20,000 cod,
8000 hake.
Sch. Tecumseh, 3700 haddock, 10,000 cod,
1500 hake.
Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 4000 haddock,
1000 cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Buema, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000
hake.
Sch. Ella M. Doughty, 10,000 haddock,
3000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Slade Gorton, 50,000 haddock, 20,000
cod, 2000 hake.
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, 13,000 haddock,
4000 cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Mooween, 16,000 haddock, 6000 cod,
4000 hake.
Sch. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., 12,000 had-
dock, 15,000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Sch. Elizabeth Silsbee, 4000 haddock, 5000
cod, 8000 hake.
Sch. Conqueror, 45,000 haddock, 15,000
cod, 5000 hake.
Sch. Mystery, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod.
Sch. Mary Edith, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod,
500 hake.
Haddock, \$3.50 to \$3.65 per cwt.; large
cod, \$4.50 to \$5; market cod, \$1.75 to \$3;
hake, \$2.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$3.50; cusk,
\$2.

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Large Cargo of Cured Fish.

Sch. Kate L. Pray which arrived here
yesterday from Matineus, Me., had a large
cargo of cured fish, having 1500 quintals.

Sch. Emma F. Chase from Jonesport and
other Maine ports, which also arrived yester-
day, and was supposed to have cured fish,
had instead a cargo of smoked boxed herring
for George Perkins & Son and canned goods
for Shute & Merchant.

Good Stock.

Sch. Ella M. Goodwin, Capt. James D.
Goodwin, stocked \$1500 as the result of her
recent haddocking trip, landed at this port.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. William Walker, Provincetown, 200
qtls. cured fish.
Sch. J. W. Bradley, Maine Coast.

Boston.

Sch. Manomet, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 50
hake.
Sch. Florida, 2000 haddock, 12,000 cod.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, 2000 haddock 700 cod.
Sch. Hortense, 1500 haddock, 500 cod, 2000
hake.
Sch. Mildred V. Nunan.
Sch. Nokomis, 2000 haddock, 8000 cod.
Sch. Carrie F. Roberts, 700 haddock, 300
cod.
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, 10,000 haddock,
1000 cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 5000 haddock,
1000 cod, 500 hake.
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 8000 haddock, 2000
cod, 1000 hake.
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 4000 haddock, 2000
cod, 2000 cusk, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Lillian, 12,000 haddock, 16,000 cod,
3000 cusk.
Sch. Flora J. Sears, 4000 haddock, 1500
cod.
Sch. Margaret Dillon, 6000 haddock, 2000
cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Lillian, 15,000 cod.
Sloop Crescent, 1500 haddock, 1500 cod,
1000 hake.
Sch. Rose Standish, 5000 haddock, 4000
cod.
Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 3500 haddock,
500 cod, 1800 hake.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, 6000 cod.
Sch. Catherine and Ellen, 12,000 haddock,
4000 cod, 10,000 hake.
Haddock, \$3 to \$3.75 per cwt.; large
cod, \$3 to \$3.50; market cod, \$2 to \$2.50;
hake, \$2 to \$4; cusk, \$1 to \$2; pollock,
\$2.75.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Myra Sears sailed from Portland yes-
terday.

Sch. Jennie B. Hodgdon was at North
Sydney, C. B., last Friday, bound for Bay
of Islands. Two other American fishing
vessels were there on the same date.

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SHARK OVERTURNED DORY.

Down East Trawler Had Desperate Fight with Monster.

The fishing schooner Albert W. Black
arrived at Portland yesterday and Anthony
Dexter, one of the crew told of his fight Mon-
day off Matineus with an enormous shark.

It was aggressive and made repeated rushes
for his dory and finally overturned it, but
Capt. Johnson and one of the crew saved
him.

He believes the shark was of the man-eat-
ing variety.

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Herring News.

The British sch. Roanoke arrived at this
port this morning from Bay of Islands, N.
F., with 1700 barrels of salt herring, con-
signed to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

Cured Fish Shipment.

Sch. Kate L. Pray, which arrived here
yesterday with a large cargo of cured fish,
was consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries
Co.

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ICE FLOES IN THE STRAIT.

Mail Boat Met Heavy Ice Field Drifting South.

FIONA LOSES COPPER IN ICE.

Short Herring Season Looked for at Bay of Islands.

The following despatch from St. John's,
N. F., regarding the ice situation at Bay of
Islands and in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and
Straits of Belle Isle, again tends to make
much concern for the local vessels that are
now loading herring at the former place:

"It is feared that the herring fishing at
the Bay of Islands will have to be aban-
doned shortly because of the very cold weath-
er.

"The mail boat from Belle Isle sirais has
been forced to return here owing to the heavy
ice floe drifting to the south. There is much
apprehension among the herring fishers lest a
number of vessels be frozen fast for the win-
ter.

"The revenue cutter Fiona, while forcing
her way through the floes on Monday to get
out of Humber inlet, had all the copper
stripped from her hull. The British cruiser
Brilliant is still here awaiting orders from
the British admiralty."

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Raymah, Cape Shore, 55,000 lbs
fresh fish.

Br. sch. Roanoke, Bay of Islands, N. F.
1700 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. Moanani, via Boston.
Sch. Mina Swim, via Boston.
Sch. Viking, shore.
Sch. George H. Lube, shore.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, via Boston.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
Sch. Mary Edith, via Boston.
Sch. Flora J. Soars, via Boston.
Sch. Manomet, via Boston.
Sch. Hortense, via Boston.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, via Boston.
Sch. Sheffeyld, shore.

Boston.

Sch. Favorite, 2000 cod.
Sch. Marion, 500 cod, 300 pollock.
Sch. Minerva, 3500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000
hake.
Sch. Mattie Brundage, 500 cod.
Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, 5000 haddock, 1000
cod.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, 1600 haddock, 500
cod.
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 2500 haddock, 500
cod.
Sch. Maud F. Silva, 5000 haddock, 1000
cod, 3000 hake.
Sch. Rebecca, 3000 haddock, 4000 cod.
Sch. Emily Cooney, 7000 haddock, 1000
cod, 6000 hake.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 7000 haddock, 2000
cod, 1000 hake.